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Our ref: 01QK/268/22/3122NW

Police representations to the application for a one day premises License – Roundwood Park, Harlesden Road NW10 3SH'

Police certify that we have considered the application shown above and wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Council's Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

Officer: Phil Graves

Licensing Constable 3122NW

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a one day premises License at Roundwood Park for Sunday the 24th of July 2022. The Police representations are concerned with all four of the licensing objectives.

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

The Application

The application is proposing to host an outdoor event in Roundwood Park on Sunday the 24th of July 2022.

The event would be open from 12.00 to 21.00 hours. The exact number of people attending this event is not detailed on the application.

The licensable activities would be live music, dance and the sale of alcohol on the premises.

Police Representations / Objections

The applicant, Ms Jennifer Gerald has put very brief details on the application. Hosting such a large event with alcohol, live music and dance is a responsible activity which needs a great deal of organising and planning. Without the appropriate measures in place this type of event could lead to a large scale public order event, requiring the police and ambulance service to maintain order and administer first aid.

The entire borough of Brent is covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which prohibits the consumption of alcohol in a public space. For this PSPO to be enforced whilst having alcohol in a large park is a complicated task that requires a great deal of planning and communication with the local authority.

The Brent Council Safety Advisory Group (BSAG) have reviewed this application and have refused the application. Having read through this application I have to agree with the BSAG decision. I believe part of this decision was based around the lack of planning and no Event Safety Management Plan from the applicant.

Ms Gerald sent an e-mail to the police licensing team on the 14th June about her application. This e-mail was poorly written and did not fill me with confidence that this event was planned and organised to the level which it should be.

From a policing perspective I need to be convinced that the correct measures are in place to minimise any crime and disorder. If this event was to take place it would take a great number of police officers to work at this event to assist the organiser and stewards / SIA.

I don't believe that this event has the sufficient planning measures in place. It poses a threat to all four of the licensing objectives with my main concern been crime and disorder. Due to the above police support the BSAG's decision that this event should not go ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

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